New Technology for electronic media

[6. PROF. C i.AKSHMANNA: *Will* INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether is being made by Government to identify the emergence of new technologies applicable to the electronic media; and

(b) if so> what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER CF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PAN-JA): (a) and (b). Yes. Sir. Identification and search for :,ew technologies rer levant and - applicable to the electronic media, for improvement of service is a constant endeavou,. a (d regularly carried out through studies conducted i$_n$ the R&D unit of AIR ar 1 Doordarshan and participation i$_n$ ^{tne} activities of National and International bodfes]foriinia engaged in the .study of contemporary technologies.

A Forward Lookin :; Group consisting of 16 experts has also be^{e}n constituted for advising the Minstry of Information and Broadcasting on a 10-year perspective plan, particularly analysing the technological trend$_s$ ^{ana}* ^{tne}ir relevance and application to AIR|Doordarshan as also the short-term requiremerts of technological developments in the electronic media and examination of hart ware and software requirements of AIR I)oordarshan.

Insurance scheme for poor

2087. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY; Will the M (lister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether if is a fact that the Central Government has introduced accident insurance scheme for the poor about two years ago; and

(b) whether the si heme has been implemented and if s$_{0:}$ he number of beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THR MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JA-NARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) The Personal Accident Insurance Social Security Scheme for poor families was introduced in the country, in the first phase, in 78 districts w.e.f. 15th August, 1985. The Scheme has bee$_n$ extended, in stages, to 136 mere districts raising the total number of districts covered thereunder so far, to 214.

The number of beneficiaries covered under the Scheme, as on 31st March, 1987 is estimated to be around 97.2 million.

RBI Instructions on SES

2088. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of Indi$_a$ issued instructions $_0$n 25th November, 1986 on Self Employmen$_t$ Jfc-heme for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY);

(b) if $_s$o, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the circumstances under which non-officials ar$_e$ debarred in the matter of selection of beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THF MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAN-ARDHAN POOIARI): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank $_0$*t* India have reported that they have not issued any general instructions to banks by way of circular dated 25th November, 1986.

(c) Selection of beneficiaries under the Self-Employment Schem$_e$ for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) i$_s$ done by DIC Task Force, consisting of General Manager and Credit Manager of DIC, representative of SISI, District Employment Exchange Offlce$_r$ and bankers. Thu$_s$ the team consists of professional experts and non-officials ar$_e$ not associated with the task of selection of beneficiaries. There are, however, elected representative-^ members of th$_e$ District Advisory Committee on DICs which oversees and reviews performance of various schemes inclu'dina SEEUY.